

therapy, which is a rarely used treatment prescribed by Dr. Lewis that provided the necessary suction for obtaining adequate blood flow for the severed finger.

Dr. Lewis and Dr. Nord, along with the entire nursing staff, went above the call of duty to take part in a successful surgery lasting over 5 hours, until the middle of the night, in order that a 5-year-old boy could have a normal hand with all five fingers.

The 2 weeks of post-op care by Dr. Lewis and Dr. Nord was exceptional, and Blair now has the full use of the two once-damaged fingers on a fully functional hand.

The dedication and passion that Dr. Lewis and Dr. Nord demonstrated, along with the nurses and staff, where they were willing to sacrifice their time and use their medical talent to perform a surgery that had a minimal chance of success was a testament to the age-old statement "service above self."

Dr. Dan Lewis and Dr. Keith Nord are a living testimony of the Hippocratic oath, which they swore to uphold as medical professionals. As the ending statement reads, "May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help."

May God bless those two doctors and nurses and staff that made this surgery a total success.

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FEDERAL TRIO PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss something that is very, very important to me as public policy, but it is something that is really personal to me, and that is the Federal TRIO Programs.

The TRIO programs are a set of higher education initiatives authorized by the Higher Education Act of 1965 that provide an educational opportunity to first-generation, low-income students.

You see, in 1969, at age 18, as a high school senior, I became pregnant with my first daughter, Jesselynne. I was a college-bound student, suddenly feeling that I was derailed from my prospects and my future, but the outreach of the TRIO programs in Marquette University enabled me to get a high-quality education at Marquette University, else I might have slipped through the cracks.

You see me here standing today as a Member of Congress, but even prior to that, I contributed greatly to my community, because of my educational opportunity, as someone who created affordable housing through our State agency, put together a financial institution, a credit union for low-income communities to fill the financial gaps, and contributed in so many other

ways, including paying taxes—and by the way, my daughter is a special education teacher today.

But without TRIO support, I wouldn't be here, and there are so many other millions of young people who are talented, but they are just poor and don't have the family background to enable them to get to college. Access to quality and affordable education can change your entire life because a college education is one of the greatest democratizers and greatest equalizers in our democratic society. And that is why it has been the honor of my career to be the cochair of the bipartisan TRIO Caucus here in Congress to pay it forward for the next generation.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce a resolution, along with my cochair, MIKE SIMPSON, in recognizing November 8 as National First-Generation Celebration Day, a day that commemorates the signing of the Higher Education Act of 1965 by President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

I thank the many Members who signed on to our resolution, especially our Senate cosponsors, Senator WARNOCK, a TRIO alum, and Senator MARSHALL, a first-generation college graduate, as well.

Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to highlight how the Build Back Better Act will help to advance the goal of helping more first generation and students of modest means get to college and be able to benefit from the programs like TRIO that can help to ensure that they graduate and gain the skills necessary to participate in our ever, ever complicated economy. And without efforts to make higher education affordable and reducing the debt burden on our students, I am afraid that many students will never have the opportunity to benefit from TRIO, so we need to do more to make sure that cost is not a barrier to quality higher education.

And that is why I think the Build Back Better effort—and I just want to call out Chairman BOBBY SCOTT for all the work he did in increasing the maximum Pell grants to help low-income students get to college. It is clear that Pell grants haven't kept up with the rising costs of college and would provide \$500 million over 7 years for grants to States and institutions of higher education and Tribal communities and universities to improve student outcomes, including enrollment retention, completion, and employment placement.

So I just thought it was important to say that when the Build Back Better bill gets to the floor, we should all support it for the educational initiatives that are in it.

But the story of TRIO is a remarkable one that benefits students of all races, creeds, colors, both genders, veterans. It ought to be celebrated.

Mr. Speaker, I am urging, when it comes to the floor, that you all support the bipartisan resolution to celebrate National First-Generation Day.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF KELLY ROWE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARRINGTON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a trusted leader in Lubbock County and a man I am blessed to call a dear friend, Sheriff Kelly Rowe.

Sheriff Rowe was recently elected by his peers to be president of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. I can think of no better Texas lawman to represent the character and noble calling of the law enforcement profession, and the central tenet of a free society, law and order, than Kelly Rowe.

Sheriff Rowe served in the United States Army and the Texas National Guard. He has been part of the Sheriff's Department since 1999, but he has been our sheriff for the last decade.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, law enforcement in Texas is under tremendous strain as they work to protect our citizens and secure our southern border, which is in complete chaos as a result of our Federal Government's failure to defend our country and our President's failure to uphold the laws of the land. As unprecedented numbers of crime, drugs, and gangs pour through our open border, our law enforcement officers have never been more important to the safety of our neighborhoods and our families. Sheriff Rowe is a leader among his colleagues and the Lone Star State is safer and stronger as a result of his service.

Mr. Speaker, I also thank his lovely wife, Nola, and their family for sharing Kelly selflessly with our communities. Law enforcement, as you know, is a family commitment. It is a family sacrifice.

So congratulations to Sheriff Rowe on this great honor. We are incredibly grateful for his service. We are extremely proud of his leadership contributions to West Texas and beyond.

God bless the men and women in blue. God bless America. And go West Texas.

CONGRATULATING BRYAN MUDD

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bryan Mudd on 20 years of service at KAMC, which is a local television station there in Lubbock. Bryan's dedication to keeping the citizens of Lubbock and the surrounding area informed about what is happening at home and across this country has been invaluable to West Texas.

Bryan and his wife, Sherry, are both servant leaders who go above and beyond their work to give of their time and talents to support many causes and multiple non-profits in our community. And I know their fellow West Texans and I am deeply grateful for their efforts.

I have always appreciated Bryan and his commitment to excellence in journalism and his unwavering dedication to bringing timely, fair, and balanced news to the people of West Texas.